

What is claimed is:

1. An air conditioning duct arrangement for a vehicle, comprising:
an air conditioning unit disposed near a rear wheelwell of the vehicle;
5 a floor panel including a lower section, a rise rising from the lower section, and
an upper section extending backward from the rise; and
a duct which extends from the air conditioning unit in the right-and-left direction
of the vehicle in an area behind the rise, and which is formed so as to open forward into a
compartment of the vehicle through the rise.
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2. An air conditioning duct arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the rise is
formed by a cross member of the vehicle, and the duct extends along a back surface of
the cross member, and then opens into the compartment through the cross member.
- 15 3. An air conditioning duct arrangement according to claim 2, wherein a front
portion of a seat base of a seat of the vehicle is disposed on the cross member, the seat
base is arranged in an inclined manner such that the front portion thereof is made higher
than a rear portion thereof, and the duct extends in the right-and-left direction of the
vehicle in a space behind the cross member and under the seat base.
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4. An air conditioning duct arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the duct
opens forward into the compartment while being inclined downward.
5. An air conditioning duct arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the duct
25 includes an opening, which opens into the compartment, at a laterally central position of

the vehicle.

6. An air conditioning duct arrangement according to claim 5, further comprising distribution fins in the opening, which distribute conditioned air in the left-and-front
5 direction and in the right-and-front direction.